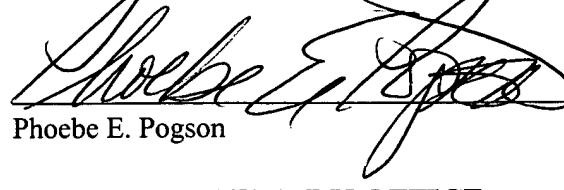




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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, and herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a two-month extension of time for filing this response from April 26, 2004, to June 26, 2004 (Saturday). Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page (2) of this paper.

Remarks begin on page (7) of this paper.